

**REMARKS**

This Amendment, filed in reply to the Office Action dated October 31, 2006, is believed to be fully responsive to each point of rejection raised therein. Accordingly, favorable reconsideration on the merits is respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 2, 4-45 and 47-101 are all the claims pending in the application.

Applicant submits that the present invention as described by the independent claims are patentable. With regard to the rejection over Moezzi et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,850,352), Applicant respectfully submits the following arguments.

A feature of "an image collecting unit" of the present invention.

"A selecting condition" set by an image collecting unit of the present invention is to select a characteristic of subject persons captured in images. Specifically, as disclosed at lines 24 to 28 of Page 22 of the specification as filed, the image collecting unit automatically selects a predetermined specific images based on a user's preference among a plurality of images stored in an image database. On the other hand, in an immersive video of Moezzi et al., as disclosed at lines 26 and 27 of column 10 and lines 46 and 47 of column 30 of the specification, "criteria" selected by user interface includes "a perspective on the scene," "an object in the scene," "an event in the scene," "a distance of the object," and "object orientation." Specifically, "criteria" is merely data regarding images, and does not specify a predetermined specific characteristics of subject person.

A feature of "an output processing unit" of the present invention.

As disclosed at lines 25 to 33 of Page 30 and line 1 of page 31 of the specification as filed, and in Fig. 15, "the medium" outputted from an output processing unit of the present invention is

chosen from paper, CD-R, MD, the Web, and attaching to mail. On the other hand, "the medium" outputted from an immersive video of Moezzi et al is only video images. Specifically, in the immersive video of Moezzi et al., users cannot select a type of the output medium.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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